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ELECTROLYTIC PROCESSING : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
APPARATUS AND ELECTROLYTIC
PROCESSING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 6, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-15, 19-20, 23-74, and 84, drawn to an electrolytic processing apparatus, without traverse, for further prosecution. The alternative invention of Group II has been defined by the Examiner as an apparatus "without ion exchange," while claim 84 clearly recites an ion exchanger. Therefore, although the Examiner did not indicate to which Group claim 84 belongs, it is the Applicants' understanding that claim 84 belongs to Group I in view of the above. In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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